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**Testimony of Rep. Ann Hraychuck
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Regarding Assembly Bill 587**

Good morning, Chairman Turner and committee members. I appreciate the opportunity to speak today about Assembly Bill 587.

Under current law if a vehicle is used to transport a corpse in an attempt to conceal the crime the vehicle cannot be seized.

In Polk County there was a murder case in which a vehicle was used to transport the body of a victim to a wooded area in an attempt to conceal the body. This was not a clearly forfeitable offense, so law enforcement was unable to seize the vehicle. But if the offender would have used his car to transport the weapon used to commit the crime, then the vehicle could have been seized.

This legislation will close that loophole and ensure that if a vehicle is used to conceal a body it will be a forfeitable offense.

Thank you for your time.